

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jeff Erickson has worked in the financial industry for 30 years; and,

Whereas, Jeff has served as Chief Executive Officer of an \$8.3 billion bank since 1995, with nearly 200 branches across 7 states, and with over 1,000 employees, of which 396 are South Dakota residents; and,

Whereas, Jeff has given freely of his time and energy to the communities where he has lived by serving on numerous boards, which include Chairman of Focus Watertown, Chairman of the Watertown Development Company, President of the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of Great Western Bancorporation, and Chairman of the South Dakota Banking Commission, as well as serving as a board member of the Governor's Office of Economic Development REDI Fund, South Dakota Commission on Health Care, Ellsworth Authority Board, Northern State University Foundation, and the Sioux Falls Development Foundation; and,

Whereas, Jeff is a graduate of Northern State University and the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington, and a recipient of the Northern State University "Distinguished Alumni of 2008" award; and,

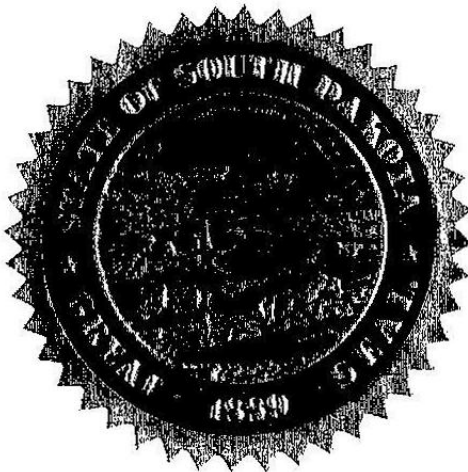
Whereas, Jeff and his wife, Linda, are the proud parents of four children, Kim, Jamie, Beth, and Scott, who have further blessed their lives with three grandchildren and two more soon to arrive, and his anticipated January 2011 retirement will allow him valuable and well-earned time with his family and other personal pursuits; and,

Whereas, Jeff's colleagues at Great Western Bank will gather on November 4, 2010, to honor and thank him for his dedication and commitment to an extremely successful and prestigious career:

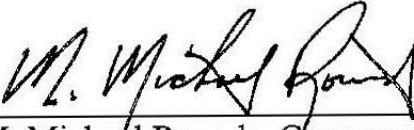
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends, colleagues, and customers in wishing him well and thanking him for sharing his time and many talents with others.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State